GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:87
ANSWERED ON:27.02.2001
PRODUCTION OF CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of chemical fertilizers has been affected by the earthquake in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the gap between the indigenous production of D.A.P chemical fertilizers and the consumption in the agriculture sector in the country ;and

(d) the policy of the Government to bridge this gap?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a)to(d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REGERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART(a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.87 TO BE ANSWERE ON 27TH FEBRUARY,2001.

(a) Yes,sir

(b) The details of losses suffered by the fertilizers plants located in Gujarat due to severe earthquake on 26th January,2001 are given below:-

(i) Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperative Ltd. (IFFCO) fertilizer plant at Kalol suffered an estimated production loss of 3120 MTs of ammonia between 26th to 28th January 2001.

(ii) IFFCO fertilizer plant at Kandla suffered extensive damage. And on the assumption that the production would be resumed after three months, the production loss has been estimated at 1,77,000 MTs of P205.

(iii) Krishak Bharti Cooperative Ltd. (KRIBHCO) plant at Hazira suffered an estimated production loss of 6900 MTs of urea.

(iv) Gujarat State Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. (GSFC) has suffered a production loss of 1000 MTs of DAP at its Sikka plant.

(c) In 2000-01, the estimated production of DAP is 51 lakh MTs against the estimated consumption in terms of sale of 57lakh MTs. However, the indigenous production of DAP along with the opening stock of 9.45 lakh MTs as on 1st April, 2000 and imports of 8.6 lakh MTs up to 31st January 2001, would ensure the cumulative availability of 69 lakh MTs during the current year, leaving no gap between demand/availability.

(d) Production and import of DAP stand de-controlled and de-canalised; so its availability is dependent on market forces of demand and supply. However, in case of exigency on request of the State Government , supply of DAAP is augmented through buffer stock maintained by M/s Indian Potash Limited on Government of India Account.